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SUBJ: OKINAWAN REACTION TO STORY ON U.S. AWASE ANTI-MISSILE RADAR

SUMMARY: THE PRESS AND LEFTIST POLITICIANS IN OKINAWA ARE

PREDICTABLY INVOKING THE NUCLEAR SCARE OVER THE REVELATION OF THE U.S.

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AWASE ANTI-MISSILE RADAR SITE. TYING IT TO THE IE SHIMA INCIDENT,

THEY HAVE GOOD MATERIAL NOW FOR A MAJOR ANTI-BASE CAMPAIGN.

END SUMMARY.

1. AS COULD BE EXPECTED, THE OKINAWAN PRESS HAS GIVEN HEAVY AND SENSATIONAL COVERAGE TO THE GOJ ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE PRESENCE OF THE U.S. ANTI-MISSILE OTH RADAR STATION ON OKINAWA AT AWASE. THE MAIN THEME IS QTE SHOCK UNQTE AT THE REVELATION AND FEAR THAT THIS WILL MAKE OKINAWA A TARGET IN A NUCLEAR WAR. THE ARTICLE DO NOTE

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THE EXPLANATIONS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND DEFENSE AGENCY THAT

THE INSTALLATION IS IN ACCORD WITH THE SECURITY TREATY, IS DEFENSIVE IN NATURE, AND WILL HELP PREVENT JAPAN FROM BEING INVOLVED IN NUCLEAR WAR. OTHER ARTICLES, HOWEVER, STRESS THE OPPOSITE. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS QUOTED AS SAYING THIS CONFIRMS THEIR VIEW THAT, AS SEEN IN THE IE SHIMA INCIDENT, U.S. BASES ARE THE SOURCE OF ALL EVILS IN OKINAWA, AND THE PREFECTURAL GOVERNMENT WILL DEMAND ITS REMOVAL. SOCIALIST DIET MEMBER UEHARA IS REPORTED AS SAYING THIS PROVES THAT NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE NOT REMOVED FROM OKINAWA AT THE TIME OF REVERSION, AND IT IS THUS A LIE THAT OKINAWA IS TREATED LIKE THE MAINLAND. COMMUNIST DIET MEMBER SENAGA CLAIMED THE AWASE STATION IS LINKED SOME-

HOW TO THE PRACTICE NUCLEAR BOMBING AT THE IE SHIMA RANGE HE DENOUNCED

THE DAY BEFORE.

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2. LESSER STORIES CONTINUED ON THE IE SHIMA INCIDENT. ONE STORY ALSO REPORTED THAT THE MAYORS OF KADENA, CHATAN, AND OKINAWA CITY MET AUG 1 TO DISCUSS MUTUAL ACTION AGAINST THE REPORTED MOVEMENT OF MARINE PHANTOMS AS WELL AS THE P-3'S FROM NAHA BASE TO KADENA. THEY DECIDED ON A JOINT PETITION ASKING A HALT TO THE MOVE TO BE DELIVERED TO CENTRAL AND PREFECTURAL GOVT OFFICES AND TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY.

3. COMMENT: THE RENEWED LEFTIST DRIVE AGAINST OUR BASES IS GETTING SOME GOOD FUEL. OVER THIS LAST YEAR, DESPITE STEADY GRIPING OVER THE BASES AND RIF'S AND VARIOUS PROTEST SPASMS AFTER INCIDENTS, THE LEFTISTS HAVE NOT BEEN FOCUSED STRONGLY ON BASE ISSUES. INFLATION, THE EXPO, AND THE MITSUBISHI OIL DEPOT HAVE BEEN MORE ATTRACTIVE POLITICAL TARGETS. NOW, HOWEVER, THESE ARE LESS SO. WITH THE IE SHIMA INCIDENT, AND WITH SENAGA'S CHARGES AND THE REVELATION OF THE AWASE MISSILE RADAR STATION INVOKING THE NUCLEAR SCARE, THE LEFTISTS NOW HAVE SUITABLE ISSUES TO THRASH BOTH US AND THE GOJ WITH. THE TIMING IS HANDY FOR THE ANTI-H BOMB GROUP MEETINGS SCHEDULED ON THE MAINLAND AND SOON ON OKINAWA. THE LEFTIST PROTESTS HERE SHOULD NOT CAUSE US MUCH ACTUAL TROUBLE EXCEPT TO THE EXTENT THEY EMBROIL THE CENTRAL GOVT IN DIFFICULTIES IN THE DIET OVER ISSUES THAT ARE EITHER HARD TO EXPLAIN OR HARD TO REACH A COMPROMISE WITH US ON. IT IS THUS THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE IE SHIMA RANGE ISSUE APPEARS SO DANGEROUS.
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